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AUSTIN TO KICK OFF LOCAL FOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY AT PAY LESS

ANDERSON – In an effort to build public awareness that hunger is a year-round problem, State Rep. Terri Austin (D-Anderson) and Pay Less Supermarket are joining forces in a food drive to benefit the Christian Center in Anderson.

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday (February 16), Austin will make the first donation at a food drop at the Pay Less located at 1845 N. Scatterfield.

Collection boxes will remain at the store through Saturday, February 19. All donations then will be turned over to the Christian Center. Donated items must be non-perishable.

"Citizens are often very generous during the holiday season in donating food to the hungry," Austin said. "I think this food drive, keyed around Valentine's Day, serves as a good reminder that food is needed year-round for the hungry. I have great hopes for high participation in this endeavor to feed our community."

Austin is one of several Indiana House members, Republicans and Democrats alike, who are helping sponsor food drives in their communities through the rest of this week in a campaign entitled "Have a Heart for the Hungry." When these drives conclude on February 19, food will be distributed across the state to food pantries, homeless shelters, inner-city after school programs and seniors on fixed incomes.

"It is natural for people to want to help the homeless and hungry in November and December," Austin said. "Through this program, we want to make it clear to people that homelessness and hunger are problems that are faced throughout the year. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, I am hoping local residents will take part and give generously."

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